

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A communication method of receiving stream data outputted from an output device connected to a predetermined network, in an input device, characterized in that

when said output device or a different device has sent an order for setting so that output data of said output device may be inputted to a data input section of said input device, said input device conducts input setting based on said order, and

when said device which sent said order has sent an order to cancel said input setting, said input device conducts processing of canceling said input setting,

wherein said input setting order is an order to specify an input plug of said input device,
and

wherein said specified input plug specifies only the type of the input plug, data specifying the input plug subjected to the input setting is obtained on the basis of a response from said input device, and said canceling order is an order for canceling the input setting of a plug specified by the data.

4. (Previously Presented) A communication method of receiving stream data outputted from an output device connected to a predetermined network, in an input device, characterized in that

when said output device or a different device has sent an order for setting so that output data of said output device may be inputted to a data input section of said input device, said input device conducts input setting based on said order, and

when said device which sent said order has sent an order to cancel said input setting, said input device conducts processing of canceling said input setting,

wherein said input setting order is an order to specify an input plug of said input device,

wherein a plug of an internal function block of said input device is also specified.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus connected to a predetermined network, characterized in that said communication apparatus comprises:

input and output means for conducting communication with another device in said network; and

communication control means responsive to detection of an order to enable reception of stream data from a predetermined device, out of data received by said input and output means, for conducting input setting of the stream data, and responsive to detection of an order to cancel the input setting issued by the same device as that which issued the order to enable reception of stream data, in a state with the input setting conducted, for conducting processing to cancel said input setting,

wherein the input setting executed under control of said communication control means is setting for inputting said stream data from an input plug specified by the detected order,

wherein when only the type of the input plug is specified in the order detected by said communication control means, the input setting is conducted by using an arbitrary input plug of a particular type among input plugs of the particular type,

wherein said input and output means transmits data concerning the input plug used for the input setting to a device of an origination source of said order, and

wherein when said communication control means has detected a cancel order and the input plug being used for the input setting is specified, said communication control means conducts processing of canceling said input setting.

8. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus connected to a predetermined network, characterized in that said communication apparatus comprises:

input and output means for conducting communication with another device in said network; and

communication control means responsive to detection of an order to enable reception of stream data from a predetermined device, out of data received by said input and output means, for conducting input setting of the stream data, and responsive to detection of an order to cancel the input setting issued by the same device as that which issued the order to enable reception of stream data, in a state with the input setting conducted, for conducting processing to cancel said input setting,

wherein the input setting executed under control of said communication control means is setting for inputting said stream data from an input plug specified by the detected order,

wherein the input setting executed under control of said communication control means is setting for supplying said stream data to a plug of an internal function block specified by the detected order.

9. (Previously Presented) A communication method for an input device to receive streaming data output from an output device that is connected to a network, the method comprising:

performing input setting by the input device when an order for setting transmitted from the output device or another device is received at the input device, the input setting including an order to specify an input plug of the input device and a plug of an internal function block of the input device, wherein the input setting is performed based on said order for setting so that the data output from the output device may be input to a data input section of the input device; and

canceling said input setting by the input device when said output device or another device that transmitted the order for setting transmits an order to cancel the input setting.

10. (Previously Presented) The communication method according to claim 9, wherein said specified input plug specifies the type of the input plug.

11. (Currently Amended) The communication method according to claim 9, wherein data specifying the input plug subjected to the input setting is obtained on the basis of a response from the input device.

12. (Currently Amended) The communication method according to claim 11, wherein canceling said input setting includes an order for canceling the input setting of a plug specified by the data.

13. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus comprising:
an output device coupled to a network;
an input device to receive streaming data output from the output device; and
a controller configured to manage the input device performing input setting when an order for setting transmitted from the output device or another device is received at the input device, the input setting including an order to specify an input plug of the input device and a plug of an internal function block of the input device, wherein the input setting is performed based on said order for setting so that the data output from the output device may be input to a data input section of the input device, and
said controller configured to manage the input device canceling said input setting when said output device or another device that transmitted the order for setting transmits an order to cancel the input setting.